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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q96663

Yuji KUROKAWA, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/590,605

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For: LIGHT DIFFUSING SHEET AND BACKLIGHT UNIT USING THE LIGHT  
DIFFUSING SHEET

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

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P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the later of three months from the application's filing date and the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), and therefore Applicants are filing

concurrently herewith a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e). No fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed thirty days or fewer from the communication from a foreign patent office and a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(d) is attached.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicants enclose herewith a copy of an Office Action from the People's Republic of China Patent Office in a counterpart application citing such documents, together with an English-language version of the Office Action indicating the degree of relevance found by the People's Republic of China Patent Office. An English language abstract of WO 03/046617 A1 is submitted herewith. Furthermore, Applicants note that WO 03/046617 A1 corresponds to U.S. Patent Application Publication 2005/0039788 A1.

It is noted that three (JP 2003-215717, JP 2003-215314 and JP 7-218705) of the four references cited in the Office Action from the People's Republic of China Patent Office were previously submitted in the Information Disclosure Statement filed August 24, 2006, and thus are not being submitted again.

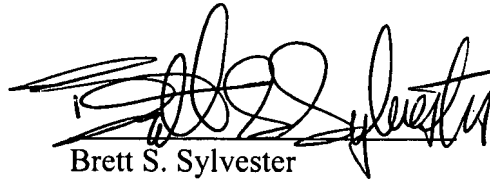
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